

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8142

To provide standardized identification credentials for Department of Defense law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2022

Mr. BACON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Defense
5 Law Enforcement Credential Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. STANDARDIZED CREDENTIALS FOR LAW ENFORCE-**
2 **MENT OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **DEFENSE.**

4 (a) STANDARDIZED CREDENTIALS REQUIRED.—Not
5 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
6 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—

7 (1) develop a standardized identification creden-
8 tial for Defense law enforcement officers;

9 (2) issue such credential to each such officer at
10 no cost to such officer; and

11 (3) ensure that any Department of Defense
12 common access card issued to such an officer clearly
13 identifies the officer as a Defense law enforcement
14 officer.

15 (b) DEFENSE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DE-
16 FINED.—In this Act, the term “Defense law enforcement
17 officer” means a member of the Armed Forces or civilian
18 employee of the Department of Defense who—

19 (1) is authorized by law to engage in or super-
20 vise the prevention, detection, investigation, or pros-
21 ecution of, or the incarceration of any person for,
22 any violation of law;

23 (2) has statutory powers of arrest or apprehen-
24 sion under section 807(b) of title 10, United States
25 Code (article 7(b) of the Uniform Code of Military
26 Justice); and

1 (3) is authorized by the Department to carry a
2 firearm.

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